

SCRANTON BREVITIES.

REGULAR WEEKLY LETTER TO THE RECORD.

A Literary Club Organized.—Tobacco Being Planted. Other Matters.

The town council has employed Mr. Pinckney Godwin to deepen the artesian well on Main street near Nachman Bros.' store, the object being to get a better flow. Mr. Godwin has been at work on the well two or three days, but up to this writing he has not succeeded in getting the flow desired.

Less than a year ago there were very few artesian wells in this community, but now on may be found on nearly ever farm. As good, pure water is conducive of good health, we hope there will be less sickness among the people than heretofore when they did not enjoy the blessing of good water.

The farmers are working hard to catch up with their work, which has been considerably hindered by the excessive rain. With a few weeks of favorable weather we think they will get their farms in good shape and be "on time" when the "lay-by" time arrives.

Dr. Byrd is transplanting his tobacco crop. Mr. Parker, of North Carolina, is superintending the work. Mr. Parker is an experienced tobacco man and knows just how to cultivate and prepare the "weed" for market.

Mr. Beal, who looks after Mr. Thos. Wilson's planing mill at Salem, has moved his family up here and rented a farm which his sons will manage while he is absent looking after other duties.

We heard an able and impressive sermon preached by Rev. H. F. Oliver in the Baptist church at this place last Sunday. The discourse was replete with truth and power and plainly manifested the intense earnestness of the preacher. At the conclusion of the sermon the sacrament was administered. Mr. Oliver will preach here again in the afternoon on the fourth Sunday in this month.

The young people of the neighborhood have organized a literary society which meets every Saturday evening at the Union school house, near Mr. George Cox's. The meetings are very interesting to all who attend.

We hear some talk of establishing a telephone line from Scranton to Lake City. We favor the scheme and hope the line will be put up. It would be of great service to the people of both towns, and a convenient means of communication for some of the young folks.

R. P. Byrd, one of the largest and most successful farmers of Florence county, visited his uncle, Dr. Byrd, of this place last week.

Mr. W. E. Cook has gone down to Rome to attend the marriage of Dr. H. L. Baker to Miss Belle Hemingway.

Mrs. T. M. Creech has returned home from a visit to relatives and friends in Clarendon. She was accompanied by Miss Mattie Coward.

Mr. John W. Nelson, principal of the Scranton school, visited his family down in Indiantown the latter part of last week.

Miss Hattie Sanders, a popular young lady of Mrs. Bluff, is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. B. C. Whitehead.

Mrs. H. Z. Graham and her son, Hartwell, of Kingstree, spent a day or two of last week with relatives up here.

Mr. B. C. Whitehead, our efficient railroad agent, spent last Sunday in Kingstree.

Mr. John J. Nelson, of the county seat, was among the visitors to our little town this week.

We think a certain young man of this place also thinks the climate of Kingstree well suited to his constitution and would like to "move down" and enjoy the healthy and invigorating atmosphere. We would not be at all surprised at any time should he "fold his tent" and "steal away" to take up his abode among the citizens of our county metropolis. We need not tell you who he is, he is easily identified. Catch on? There!

Where is the spring poet? At this season of the year, when all nature is robed in beautiful attire, and the flowers are blooming out in all their beauty and loveliness, filling the atmosphere with their sweetness, surely the poetic muse must struggle for expression in rhythmic verse to portray and praise the beauty of nature. Let us hear from the poets.

SOME MINOR MATTERS.

A COLUMN OF NEWS PICKED UP AROUND TOWN

And Put Into Short Paragraphs For Quick Reading By Busy People.

Mr. Dick Wallace spent Sunday in Lake City.

Mr. B. O. Bristow, of Darlington, was in town yesterday.

The prospects for a good fruit crop are excellent.

There will be a dance at the Coleman Hotel Tuesday night.

Mr. Louis Stackley visited relatives in Florence Sunday last.

Mrs. Ettie Paine, nee May, is visiting friends at Salters.

Fresh beef every morning except Sunday, at W. G. Elwell's.

Emile Arrowsmith returned from Rhem's rather disappointed this time. What's the matter Emile?

Mr. M. F. Heller will receive a lot of new buggies in a few days. Call and see them before buying.

Dr. H. L. Baker and Miss Belle Hemmingway were married at Union Methodist church, near Rome, last night.

What town in the State is better supplied with millinery and first-class milliners than Kingstree?

In a race between Mr. W. W. Grayson's young mare and Mr. P. B. Thorne's horse last Friday afternoon, Mr. Thorne's horse was victorious.

Mr. Louis Stackley received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his nephew, young Frank Stackley, a son of Mr. "Borey" Stackley, of Florence.

With two good, continuous-flow artesian wells in town, Kingstree is well supplied with pure drinking water, and should be comparatively free from sickness.

The opening of the postoffice at night is a great convenience to the business men of the community, as one is not forced to wait till the next morning for mail that comes in on the late trains.

A Seebly, of Trio, who is well known almost all over the county, was brought here and lodged in jail as he was thought to be crazy. He was examined yesterday, and pronounced insane. He will be sent to the State Hospital for the Insane in a few days.

County treasurer R. D. Rollins sent in his approved bond last week and has received his commission. Auditor Hanna's bond was approved by the old board of county commissioners, and that gentleman received his commission from Columbia some weeks ago.

For A Thousand Like Him!

We have received the following from an old subscriber at Morrisville, which letter is of the kind that makes an editor's heart rejoice:

"Enclosed please find one dollar, subscription to The Record. The last two issues show marked improvement, and I hope all the good people of old Williamsburg will rally to your support by subscribing at once."

The "Compound Medicine" Law.

Editor, County Record: Many enquiries have been made in reference to the "Bill" prohibiting the sale of compound medicine by peddlers or travelers in this State.

I am in receipt of a copy of the act from the author of the "Bill." The act prohibits anyone from selling any medicine of any kind under a penalty of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars, or service on the chain-gang for not less than thirty (30) days for each and every offence. This is the law as it now stands. LAW.

Indiantown, April 13.

Hotel Arrivals.

The following is a list of the arrivals at the Coleman Hotel for the past week:

E. B. Kirk, A. S. Barnhill, W. R. Scott, Robt. A. Few, L. N. Nesmith, J. G. Liffage, Julius Liffage, Jr. A. E. Salers, Wm. M. Dickson, A. S. Cheek, J. Z. McConnell, Jr., J. P. Wheeler, J. T. Brown, N. D. Lesne, J. V. Woodard, H. L. Baker, Jno. Epps, R. W. Lil'ard, W. Tomlinson, J. S. Jopling, W. R. Cross, B. D. Armstrong, S. Hirschman, W. R. Brown, J. Taylor Ross, C. E. Stubbs, F. L. Haselden, W. T. Rodgers, C. J. Lesesne, B. O. Bristow, W. B. McCants, S. McB. Scott.

The news of the intended withdrawal of the Coosaw Mining company from the phosphate territory published in the State yesterday morning created considerable talk in official circles. This is the biggest concern operating in the phosphate field and if it abandons the field the industry will be badly injured and the State's income from the royalty practically destroyed. Governor Ellerbe said he supposed it was due to the refusal of the State phosphate board to reduce the royalty upon the 40,000 or more tons of rock already mined and on hand.

The board takes the position that it did all it could for the phosphate companies when it reduced the royalty on the rock to be mined from 50 to 25 cents a ton.—The State.

Old papers for sale at this office.

President McKinley is acting with praise-worth promptness in looking to the needs and suffering of the people in the Mississippi valley. He has called special attention of congress to the condition of the sufferers and asked that it act promptly for their relief, citing precedents in the years 1874 and 1882. This is in such striking contrast with the disposition of our late great mogul Cleveland, that we cannot fail to be impressed with it. Cleveland would either have been deaf to all cries of distress or appeals for help or would have waited until all the sufferers were dead, and then appointed a committee to investigate the matter.—Yorkville Yeoman.

All the latest styles in job printing can now be done in The County Record office.

Governor Ellerbe yesterday decided not to interfere in the case of Frank Myers, who is sentenced to be hung Friday in Georgetown on the charge of arson. Myers, his father, and a brother, were convicted of burning a drug store, in which a family lived. The father and brother were sent to the Penitentiary for life, while Myers was sentenced to be hung. An earnest effort was made by his counsel, Mr. Hazzard, to have him respited, but the Governor determined not to interfere.—Columbia Register.

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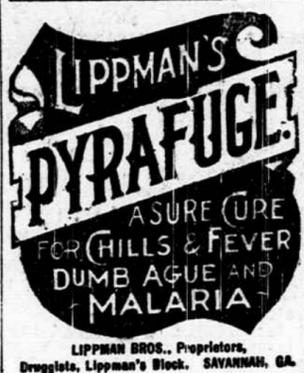
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